

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Hello Mr. Lustgarten,

Per our conversation this morning, I am sending you a link to documents EPA previously

released in response to a FOIA request regarding aquifer exemptions in CA. Here is the link:

<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/view/request?objectId=090004d2806136e3>

The link includes a description of the records requested. As we discussed, I expect there are numerous records released in this prior response that are also responsive to your request.

In addition, you will find a number of documents that would be responsive to your request on the CA Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources web site page located at

http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/general_information/Pages/UndergroundInjectionControl%28UIC%29.aspx

[Under the heading “EPA Correspondence and Guidance Documents”] and also on EPA’s web site page located at the following link:

<https://www.epa.gov/pacific-southwest-media-center/epas-review-californias-underground-injection-control-uic-program>

Finally, as we discussed, EPA will search/review/produce records related to “state of California compliance with the Underground Injection Control Program” since Jan 2012, and any CA aquifer exemption records that were created between the date of the CBD request and your request.

I, or Michele Dermer in my office, will be in touch with you once we have a better sense of the timing/scope for these additional record searches/productions. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

David

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